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Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	November 18, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Knowles, Professional Member, Chairperson
Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson
Samuel Sullivan, Professional Member, Secretary
Wayne Woodzell, Professional Member (left at 5:30 p.m.)
Amy Blansfield, Professional Member
Damien McGovern, Professional Member
Angela Smith, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Waheedah Shabazz, Public Member
Tyler Luff, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

JJ Thomas
Lorna Lee

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting. Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider to approve the minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 9, 2014 Committee meeting. Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider to approve the minutes as written. This Committee was formed to prepare for the upcoming Joint Sunset Review hearing. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: ATA – Telecommunication Association – Sam Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan went over the draft rules that Ms. Kelly drafted for the Board to review. Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded Mr. Schneider, to approve the draft rules for Telehealth for publication. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to amend the draft rules to include CPR and Ethics as part of reactivations and reinstatements. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Report on Dry Needling Committee – Jeff Schneider

Mr. Schneider gave an overview of the September 24, 2014 Dry Needling Committee meeting. The Committee was able to come up with draft rules and regulations of which Ms. Kelly has for the Board to review.

Ms. Kelly discussed with the Board changes that were submitted by Ms. Laura Schmitt. The Board agreed with the changes submitted by Ms. Schmitt and Ms. Kelly will make the changes to the draft.

Ms. Knowles discussed some of the changes that she had come up with. Ms. Knowles asked the Board how they felt about requiring a First Aid requirement for Physical Therapists that will be performing dry needling. The Board felt that a requirement of First Aid is a good requirement to have in the rules. Ms. Knowles would like to add that at least 25 hours of course work must be done before a Physical Therapist would be able to start dry needling patients.

Ms. JJ Thomas likes having the 25 hours of course work requirement.

Ms. Lorna Lee introduced herself to the Board and explained that she was part of the Dry Needling Committee as she is a licensed acupuncturist. Ms. Lee feels that the hours are pretty low for the requirement of dry needling.

Ms. Knowles asked the Board what their thoughts were on higher risk areas and do they think that the Physical Therapists should complete all 54 hours before dry needling with higher risk areas. After discussion, all are in agreement with high risk areas to be Interior cervical area, abdominal area, and direct rib area (pincher technique allowed) to be listed in the rules and regulations and all 54 hours would need to be completed before these high risk areas could be performed on patient. Physical Therapists that are currently using the dry needling method will have 2 years to get the 54 hours of course work completed if they have not done so at the time these rules go into effect.

Ms. Lee asked the Board if they would be objecting to a physical therapist repeating the same course for the ones that need to complete the 54 hour requirement.

Ms. Lee is asking that the Board increase the supervision time that a physical therapist would get before performing dry needling on a patient. Ms. Lee feels that there should be more supervised practice hours other than just the 54 hours. Ms. Lee feels this is very low and that this is an unsafe amount of hours.

Ms. Knowles thanked Ms. Lee and Ms. Thomas for being part of the Dry Needling Committee.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to approve the draft rules and regulations for dry needling as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules and Regulations Hearing – 4:30 p.m.

The hearing minutes will follow the regular Board minutes.

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Application by Examination

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to ratify licensure by examination and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Lauren Frick (AT)

Shannon Matheny (AT)

Chelsea Best (AT)

Cassandra Cannon (PTA)

Willie Compton (PTA)

Kara Lammy (PTA)

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to ratify licensure by reciprocity and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Robert Burton (PT)	Megan Witman (PT)	Erin Fitzsimmons (PT)
Julie Collins (PT)	Christina DiMichele (PT)	Nicole Oddo (PT)
Jennifer Rinaman (PTA)	Jeffrey Ross (PTA)	Soniya Patel (PT)
Thomas Gangemi (PT)	John Tooher (AT)	Brittany Virgil (PT)
Shannon Bonini (AT)	Rachel Kagey (PTA)	Robert Willis (PTA)
Sharon Barbosa (AT)*		

Review PT/PTA/AT Application by Reciprocity

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve licensure by reapplication by reciprocity for Angela Russell. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review PT/PTA/AT Application by Examination

There were no applications by examination for review.

Review of PT Application by Examination with Special Accommodations

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve Litty Chandy to sit for the Examination with special accommodations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Status of Complaints

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGovern, to approve the following continuing education courses with changes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Arcadia University – Arcadia Alumni Association: Continuing Education Course – 1.35 CEUs
Bayada Home Health Care – Special Children, Special Needs: Meeting the Challenges of Advocating for the Medically Complex Child - .6 CEUs
Care Resources – Ethical Concerns in a Pediatric Population - .25 CEUs
Care Resources – Patient vs Professional Autonomy: Whose Life Is It Anyway? - .25 CEUs
Care Resources – Ethics for Physical therapy Professionals - .25 CEUs
Care Resources – Ethical Challenges for the Day to Day Practice of Physical Therapy - .25 CEUs
Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council – 2015 Life Conference - .45 CEUs
Hands-On Education, LLC – Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization - .8 CEUs
Lebanon Valley College – Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization - .75 CEUs
Widener University, Institute for Physical Therapy Education – Ethical Considerations in Rehabilitation - .2 CEUs
Jesus Regala – PT Courses.com – Obesity, Insulin Resistance, Diabetes, & Their Consequences - .4 CEUs
Jesus Regala – Nerve Entrapments of the Upper Extremity - .6 CEUs
Jesus Regala – PT Courses.com – Heart Disease and the Therapist - .3 CEUs
University of Delaware/Christiana Care – A Primer on Incorporating Evidence-Based Principles into Everyday Clinical Practice - .35 CEUs
Beebe Healthcare – Crucial Conversations – 2.0 CEUs

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to amend the agenda to add All Clear Emergency Management Group's addition to a previously approved course to change one of the topics. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Knowles, to remove the previous motion submitted by All Clear Emergency Management Group for they will need to submit a new fee. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Schneider wanted to know what the Board's role was regarding the 2603(b) in the statute. If this is not being enforced what is it doing in the statute? Since this is in the statute the professional members would have a duty to report. The Board stated that professional members might not know that there are changes in the statute and will not be aware of the new rules going into effect once approved and wanted to know if a mass email could be sent out to all licensees. Ms. Wagner stated that she would need to talk to the Operation's manager and find out. Ms. Wagner did comment that the statute and rules & regulations do change from time to time and as professional members one should be reviewing for changes made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made under the discussion of the dry needling.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room B, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGovern, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Wagner
Administrative Specialist III

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.

HEARING MINUTES

HEARING – EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS and ATHLETIC TRAINERS

The Delaware Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers held a hearing on October 28, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

PRESENT: Julie Knowles, Jeff Schneider, Sam Sullivan, Wayne Woodzell, Amy Blansfield, Damien McGovern, Angela Smith

PURPOSE: The proposed revisions to the Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers are to clarify rules pertaining to home health aides, supervision and the practice of athletic training. Proof of current CPR certification is added to the licensure requirements. Rules relating to licensure reactivation and reinstatement are revised for consistency. Rule 12.24 is added to specifically prohibit licensee involvement in kickbacks. A new Rule 15.0 is added to set forth advanced training requirements for the emergency administration of asthma and anaphylaxes medications and for physical therapy and athletic training care provided outside the clinical setting to athletic injuries.

PRESIDING: Julie Knowles, President

BOARD STAFF: Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE BOARD: Eileen Kelly, DAG

COURT REPORTER PRESENT: Vera Spitz, Wilcox and Fetzer

TIME STARTED: 4:30 p.m.

The court reporter took verbatim testimony. Ms. Kelly confirmed with Ms. Wagner that no written public comment was received by the Board's office. The Board members introduced themselves for the record. There were no public present for comment. Ms. Kelly entered documents as Board Exhibit 1 News Journal notification and Board Exhibit 2 Delaware State News notification. Ms. Kelly summarized the proposed revisions. Ms. Kelly said the proposed changes were published in the Delaware Register of Regulations on October 1, 2014 and the comment period has been open since then. Ms. Kelly said the written comment period would remain open for an additional 15 days. The Board will deliberate on the proposed changes at its next regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2014. The hearing concluded at 4:35 p.m.